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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 19, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on December 19, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

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